

Page 16, after line 16 insert a new paragraph - So that because of these structural

B3 differences in relation to the spherical core, the role of the controlled expansion core is more complex than the preform's single expansion.--

Page 21, after line 24 insert a new paragraph - The fastening hooks or

B4 complementary pieces can also be anchored during the second transformation, where it is the expansion itself that creates anchoring overmoldings, fastening hooks or complementary pieces.--

#### IN THE DRAWINGS:

Replace pages 2/8 and 3/8 (figures 2A, 2B, and 2C) with substitute pages 2/8 and 3/8, wherein the French language text in the original drawings ("avant" and "arriere") have been replaced with their English language translations ("front" and "rear"), as shown on page 1 of the PCT parent application.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Specification is amended to incorporate text that erroneously omitted in the English-language translation filed on November 15, 1999. To comply with the Notice of Defective Translation, the French text in the figures has been translated and substitute figures have been submitted.

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